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Re: **Docket No. 2015-____-G**
Revisions to Piedmont Natural Gas Rate Schedule No. 242 and Proposed New
Rate Schedule No. 243

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Pursuant to South Carolina Code § 58-5-240 and Commission Rules 103-403 and 103-446, Piedmont hereby respectfully submits for the Commission's consideration (i) proposed modifications to its Rate Schedule 242 (Small General Service – Motor Fuel), and (ii) a proposed new Rate Schedule 243 (Experimental Motor Vehicle Fuel Service). Clean and red-lined copies of Piedmont's Rate Schedule 242 reflecting its proposed modifications as well as a clean copy of its proposed new Rate Schedule 243 and Piedmont's modified "Rates and Charges" tariff sheets are attached hereto. Piedmont proposes that these tariff changes become effective August 12, 2015.

Piedmont's Rate Schedule 242 currently provides an umbrella tariff under which Piedmont is authorized to sell natural gas for motor vehicle fuel purposes. Under existing Rate Schedule 242, these sales can occur under a variety of potential factual scenarios and can vary as to location of the sale (Piedmont owned facility versus customer premises) and as to the nature of the product provided (uncompressed natural gas which requires compression before placement in a motor vehicle fuel tank or fully compressed natural gas suitable for direct placement into a customer's fuel tanks). They can also vary with respect to the size and nature of vehicles served (single passenger vehicles versus large commercial fleet operations).

After operating under existing Rate Schedule 242 for several years, Piedmont now wishes to modify the manner in which it provides natural gas sales to the public for motor vehicle fuel use and also wishes to allow for the transportation of natural gas for ultimate use as a motor fuel. In order to effectuate these results, it is proposing in this docket to modify its existing Rate Schedule 242 and to implement a new Experimental Rate Schedule 243. Under Piedmont's proposed modifications, Rate Schedule 242 service will be limited to the retail sale of fully compressed natural gas at Piedmont operated public fueling stations. Under

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proposed Rate Schedule 243, Piedmont will be authorized to sell and to transport (for qualifying customers) natural gas for ultimate use as a motor vehicle fuel at customer owned premises under rate structures that essentially adopt the existing residential, commercial and industrial classifications that currently exist in Piedmont's tariff.

Piedmont submits that its proposed restructured tariffs for the provision of natural gas to customers who desire to use it as a motor vehicle fuel are in the public interest and will promote the availability of such fuel to the public (including both sales and transportation service) on reasonable terms and conditions. Piedmont requests an effective date for the provision of such service on or before August 12, 2015.

Sincerely,

/s/ Scott M. Tyler
Scott M. Tyler

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Enclosures

cc: Pia Powers
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Office of Regulatory Staff

**RED-LINED
RATE SCHEDULE 242**

RATE SCHEDULE 242**NATURAL GAS VEHICLE FUEL**~~SMALL GENERAL SERVICE MOTOR FUEL~~**Applicability and Character of Service**

Gas service under this rate schedule is available at Company-operated public stations to Customers seeking to obtain Compressed Natural Gas for dispensing into the fuel tank of a motor vehicle. The nature of Service provided by Company to Customer under this Rate Schedule is interruptible sales Service.~~shall be separately metered and is available in the area served by the Company in the State of South Carolina to customers for the consumption and/or resale of compressed natural gas as a motor fuel.~~

~~Gas service under this Rate Schedule shall be metered at the Customer's Premises, or at the Company's Premises for purposes of providing public access to compressed natural gas filling stations.~~

Rates and Charges

The rates to be charged for Gas Service pursuant to this Rate Schedule are set forth on the Company's "Rates and Charges" tariff sheet and may be viewed at the Company's Web Site at www.piedmontng.com. A copy of the "Rates and Charges" tariff sheet is also on file with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") and at each of the district offices of the Company. Rates applicable to Service hereunder shall be billed at a maximum rate of \$.50 per therm in addition to the base rate for Service under this Rate Schedule 242 as set forth on the Company's "Rates and Charges" tariff sheet. The per therm charge is designed to recover the costs associated with compression and related equipment necessary to provide this Service.

Rates are subject to adjustment from time to time with the approval of the Commission. The rates on file with the Commission shall prevail in the event of conflict with those rates viewed on the Company's Web Site.

Highway Use Tax-Motor Fuels and Road Taxes and Fees

The rates to be charged for Service pursuant to this Rate Schedule~~reflected on the Company's "Rates and Charges" tariff sheet~~ do not include applicable ~~(F~~ederal, sState and/or local motor fuel or road~~use or highway motor fuel use~~ taxes and or fees. Such taxes and fees shall be added to Company's approved rates when calculating total Customer charges for Service under this Rate Schedule.~~Bills rendered under this rate schedule will include such taxes and fees.~~

Payment of Bills

~~Bills are net and due upon receipt. Bills rendered for service provided at the Customer's Premises become past due 15 days after bill date. Bills rendered for S~~ervice provided pursuant to this Rate Schedule~~at the Company's Premises~~ shall be paid at the time of Service with a valid credit or debit card accepted by the Company.

Late Payment Charge

~~For service provided at the Customer's Premises, a late payment charge of 1½% per month will be applied to all balances not paid prior to the next month's billing date.~~

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Service Interruption and Curtailment

Gas ~~S~~ervice under this Rate Schedule is subject to the provisions contained with [in](#) Rate Schedule 206, "Schedule for Limiting and Curtailing Service".

Applicable Documents Defining Obligations of the Company and Its Customers

Service under this rate schedule is subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission Rules") and to the Company's Service Regulations. Among other things, the Commission Rules and the Company's Service Regulations permit the interruption or curtailment of service under certain conditions, including events of *force majeure* and operating conditions. A copy of the Commission's Rules may be obtained from the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, 101 Executive Center Dr., Columbia, SC 29210, upon payment of the applicable fee. The Company's Service Regulations may be obtained at each of the district offices of the Company. Unofficial copies of the Company's Service Regulations are available at the Company's Web Site at www.piedmontng.com.

Rider

~~Service to Customers under this rate Schedule using Company-owned and maintained compressor facilities shall be billed at a maximum rate of \$.50 per therm, in addition to the base rate for Service under this Rate Schedule 242 as set forth on the Company's "Rates and Charges" tariff sheet.~~

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RATE SCHEDULE 242
NATURAL GAS VEHICLE FUEL

Applicability and Character of Service

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Rates and Charges

The rates to be charged for Gas Service pursuant to this Rate Schedule are set forth on the Company's "Rates and Charges" tariff sheet and may be viewed at the Company's Web Site at www.piedmontng.com. A copy of the "Rates and Charges" tariff sheet is also on file with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") and at each of the district offices of the Company. Rates applicable to Service hereunder shall be billed at a maximum rate of \$.50 per therm in addition to the base rate for Service under this Rate Schedule 242 as set forth on the Company's "Rates and Charges" tariff sheet. The per therm charge is designed to recover the costs associated with compression and related equipment necessary to provide this Service. Rates are subject to adjustment from time to time with the approval of the Commission. The rates on file with the Commission shall prevail in the event of conflict with those rates viewed on the Company's Web Site.

Motor Fuels and Road Taxes and Fees

The rates to be charged for Service pursuant to this Rate Schedule do not include applicable federal, state and/or local motor fuel or road taxes or fees. Such taxes and fees shall be added to Company's approved rates when calculating total Customer charges for Service under this Rate Schedule.

Payment of Bills

Bills for Service provided pursuant to this Rate Schedule shall be paid at the time of Service with a valid credit or debit card accepted by the Company.

Service Interruption and Curtailment

Gas Service under this Rate Schedule is subject to the provisions contained within Rate Schedule 206, "Schedule for Limiting and Curtailing Service".

Applicable Documents Defining Obligations of the Company and Its Customers

Service under this rate schedule is subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission Rules") and to the Company's Service Regulations. Among other things, the Commission Rules and the Company's Service Regulations permit the interruption or curtailment of service under certain conditions, including events of *force majeure* and operating conditions. A copy of the Commission's Rules may be obtained from the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, 101 Executive Center Dr., Columbia, SC 29210, upon payment of the applicable fee. The Company's Service Regulations may be obtained at each of the district offices of the Company. Unofficial copies of the Company's Service Regulations are available at the Company's Web Site at www.piedmontng.com.

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**PROPOSED
RATE SCHEDULE 243**

RATE SCHEDULE 243
EXPERIMENTAL MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL SERVICE

Availability

Gas Service under this Rate Schedule is available, on an experimental basis, in the area served by the Company in the State of South Carolina to all existing and qualified potential customers under Rate Schedules 201, 221, 202, 232, 252, 262, 203, 204, 213 and 214 seeking to purchase or transport Natural Gas for use as a motor vehicle fuel. All requests for Service under this Rate Schedule shall be subject to application to and consent by the Company to such Service, as provided in the Company's Service Regulations.

This Rate Schedule is experimental in nature and designed to (a) determine the relative need for sales/transportation service to meet the Natural Gas motor vehicle fuel needs of Customers qualified for and/or receiving service under the applicable rate schedules identified above, and (b) to determine whether Company's existing facilities and structures can accommodate the provision of such Service. Company reserves the right, upon reasonable notice to the Commission, to suspend Service to new Customers under this Rate Schedule in the event further Service under this Rate Schedule would threaten, interfere with, or impede Piedmont's ability to meet its other contractual obligations or efficiently operate its system and/or facilities. Absent such suspension by Piedmont, this Rate Schedule shall remain in effect for a period of two (2) years after which Service hereunder may continue to be provided subject to any proposal by Piedmont or any other interested party to terminate, extend, modify or adjust the provision of such Service.

Character of Service

The nature of Service provided by Company to Customer under this Rate Schedule shall be commensurate with the nature of Service for which Customer is qualified under the applicable Rate Schedule identified above. Gas received under the provisions of this Rate Schedule shall be used for motor vehicle fuel purposes only.

All Gas delivered pursuant to this Rate Schedule shall be metered and billed by the Company separately from any Gas delivered to Customer under any other Rate Schedule and utilized for non-motor vehicle fuel purposes.

Service Interruption and Curtailment

Gas Service under this Rate Schedule is subject to the provisions contained within Rate Schedule 206, "Schedule for Limiting and Curtailing Service."

Balancing, Cash-Out, and Agency Authorization

Service under this Rate Schedule shall be subject to all of the provisions and requirements of Rate Schedule 207, "Balancing, Cash-Out, and Agency Authorization."

Rates and Charges

The rates to be charged for Gas Service pursuant to this Rate Schedule shall be those rates and charges (and components thereof) applicable to the corresponding individual Rate Schedule under which Customer qualifies for Service. These rates and charges are set forth on the Company's "Rates and Charges" tariff sheet and may be viewed at the Company's Web Site at www.piedmontng.com. A copy

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of the “Rates and Charges” tariff sheet is also on file with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the “Commission”) and at each of the district offices of the Company. Rates applicable to Service hereunder may, to the extent such Service includes compression of Gas for utilization as a motor vehicle fuel, include a per therm compression charge designed to recover the costs associated with such compression and related equipment. The maximum compression charge to be included is \$.50 per therm. Rates are subject to adjustment from time to time with the approval of the Commission. The rates on file with the Commission shall prevail in the event of conflict with those rates viewed on the Company’s Web Site.

Payment of Bills

Bills for Service rendered pursuant to this Rate Schedule shall be due and payable as provided under the individual Rate Schedules identified above under which Customer is qualified for Service.

Applicable Documents Defining Obligations of the Company and Its Customers

Service under this rate schedule is subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission Rules”) and to the Company’s Service Regulations. Among other things, the Commission Rules and the Company’s Service Regulations permit the interruption or curtailment of service under certain conditions, including events of *force majeure* and operating conditions. A copy of the Commission’s Rules may be obtained from the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, 101 Executive Center Dr., Columbia, SC 29210, upon payment of the applicable fee. The Company’s Service Regulations may be obtained at each of the district offices of the Company. Unofficial copies of the Company’s Service Regulations are available at the Company’s Web Site at www.piedmontng.com.

Resale

Gas delivered to Customer under the provisions and authority of this Rate Schedule, except for Customers receiving Gas for motor vehicle fuel purposes under Rate Schedule 201 and 221, may be resold solely for use as a motor fuel.

Taxes

Customer shall be solely and exclusively responsible for the payment of any local, state, or federal road tax, motor fuel tax, or similar tax, fee, or charge attributable to or arising out of the utilization of Gas delivered hereunder as a motor vehicle fuel.

Treatment of Gas Quantities Received Pursuant to this Rate Schedule

All quantities of Gas delivered to Customer for use as a motor fuel pursuant to this Rate Schedule 243 during any Annual Review Period shall be aggregated with quantities of Gas received by Customer under any of the Rate Schedules identified above solely for the purpose of establishing Customer’s eligibility for continued Service from Company as provided in Paragraphs 34, 35 and 36 of Piedmont’s Service Regulations.

RATES & CHARGES

SOUTH CAROLINA RATES AND CHARGES

Residential

Residential Service - Value Rate 201

Monthly Charge		Rate Per Therm	
November - March	\$ 10.00	November - March	\$ 0.65252
April - October	\$ 8.00	April - October	\$ 0.61127

Residential Service - Standard Rate 221

Monthly Charge		Rate Per Therm	
November - March	\$ 10.00	November - March	\$ 0.72165
April - October	\$ 8.00	April - October	\$ 0.69830

Outdoor Gaslight Service - Rate 205

Monthly Charge	\$ 15.00
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SOUTH CAROLINA RATES AND CHARGES

Commercial

Small General Service - Standard Rate 202

Monthly Charge	\$ 22.00	Rate Per Therm	
		November - March	\$ 0.65173
		April - October	\$ 0.63346

Small General Service - Value Rate 232

Monthly Charge	\$ 22.00	Rate Per Therm		
		November - March	First 2,000	\$ 0.63084
			Over 2,000	\$ 0.62281
		April - October	First 2,000	\$ 0.59109
			Over 2,000	\$ 0.58221

Medium General Service - Standard Rate 252

Monthly Charge	\$ 75.00	Rate Per Therm	
		November - March	\$ 0.59493
		April - October	\$ 0.57776

Medium General Service - Value Rate 262

Monthly Charge	\$ 75.00	Rate Per Therm		
		November - March	First 5,000	\$ 0.57012
			Over 5,000	\$ 0.55987
		April - October	First 5,000	\$ 0.53339
			Over 5,000	\$ 0.52518

Small General Service - Motor Fuel Rate 242

Rate Per Therm		Rate Per GGE **
November - March	\$ 0.60053	0.75667 **
April - October	\$ 0.65790	0.82895 **

Compression Charge of \$0.50 per therm (maximum)

Experimental Motor Vehicle Fuel Service - Rate 243

Monthly Charge depends on the customer-specific corresponding Rate Schedule
Rate Per Therm depends on the customer-specific corresponding Rate Schedule
Compression Charge, if applicable, is \$0.50 per therm (maximum)

** The Company may bill in units of Gasoline Gallon Equivalent ("GGE") for gas service provided at the Company's Premises under Rate 242. The rates above convert 1.26 Therms to 1 GGE.

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Industrial

Large General Sales Service - Rate 203

Monthly Charge			\$	250.00			
Demand Charge (monthly per peak day therm usage)			\$	1.03565			
Rate Per Therm							
	<u>November - March</u>				<u>April - October</u>		
First 15,000	\$	0.45877			First 15,000	\$	0.37374
Next 15,000	\$	0.39170			Next 15,000	\$	0.32569
Next 75,000	\$	0.34412			Next 75,000	\$	0.32732
Next 165,000	\$	0.28743			Next 165,000	\$	0.26886
Next 330,000	\$	0.23211			Next 330,000	\$	0.22711
Over 600,000	\$	0.20354			Over 600,000	\$	0.20354

Interruptible Sales Service - Rate 204

Monthly Charge			\$	250.00			
Rate Per Therm							
	<u>November - March</u>				<u>April - October</u>		
First 15,000	\$	0.49508			First 15,000	\$	0.37171
Next 15,000	\$	0.41728			Next 15,000	\$	0.32866
Next 75,000	\$	0.37822			Next 75,000	\$	0.30613
Next 165,000	\$	0.42697			Next 165,000	\$	0.29896
Next 330,000	\$	0.27587			Next 330,000	\$	0.26344
Over 600,000	\$	0.24354			Over 600,000	\$	0.21354

Large General Transportation Service - Rate 213

Monthly Charge			\$	250.00			
Demand Charge (monthly per peak day therm usage)			\$	0.56806			
Standby Sales Service Charge (monthly per peak day therm usage)			\$	0.46759			
Rate Per Therm							
	<u>November - March</u>				<u>April - October</u>		
First 15,000	\$	0.24077			First 15,000	\$	0.16760
Next 15,000	\$	0.17514			Next 15,000	\$	0.11921
Next 75,000	\$	0.12937			Next 75,000	\$	0.09251
Next 165,000	\$	0.02219			Next 165,000	\$	0.07183
Next 330,000	\$	0.03236			Next 330,000	\$	0.02711
Over 600,000	\$	0.00354			Over 600,000	\$	0.00354

Interruptible Transportation Service - Rate 214

Monthly Charge			\$	250.00			
Rate Per Therm							
	<u>November - March</u>				<u>April - October</u>		
First 15,000	\$	0.24014			First 15,000	\$	0.16749
Next 15,000	\$	0.17439			Next 15,000	\$	0.11997
Next 75,000	\$	0.12716			Next 75,000	\$	0.09125
Next 165,000	\$	0.07971			Next 165,000	\$	0.07030
Next 330,000	\$	0.03290			Next 330,000	\$	0.04727
Over 600,000	\$	0.00354			Over 600,000	\$	0.00354

SOUTH CAROLINA RATES AND CHARGES

Miscellaneous Fees And Charges

Schedule For Limiting And Curtailing Service - Rate 206

Emergency Service Rate Per Therm	\$ 1.00	In addition to commodity prices as defined in Rate Schedule 206, Rate For Emergency Service.
Unauthorized Over Run Penalty Per Therm	\$ 2.50	In addition to commodity prices as defined in Rate Schedule 206, Rate For Emergency Service.

Reconnect Fees

February Through August	\$ 40.00
September Through January	\$ 60.00

Returned Check Charge

Returned Check Charge	\$ 25.00
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Governmental Taxes and Fees

Customers shall also pay all applicable taxes, fees and assessments levied by governmental authorities having jurisdiction.

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